recommendations with regard to raising the height of the Periyar Dam

(b) if so, the details of recommendations;

(c) whether any study has been made regarding the causes for the breach in the forebay Dam Periyar in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details of findings and total loss caused by the breach?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Expert Committee appointed by the Government of Kerala to study the entire aspects relating to the rising of the storage level of the Mulla Periyar Dam has recommended that it is not prudent and advisable to increase the storage Level of the dam to elevation of 152 ft. from elevation of 136 ft.

(c) No information has been received by the Ministry of Water Resources or the Central Water Commission (CWC) about breach in the forebay of Mulla Periyar Dam and no study has been conducted on this issue by the team of CWC.

(d) Does not arise.

Waste Disposal

*357. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether incineration is not perfect to solve the problem of waste produced by hospitals in the country, particularly in the capital;

(b) whether a Seminar was held recently in Delhi to find ways to solve this problem; and

(c) if so, the policy adopted for waste disposal and the guidelines issued to all the hospitals in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Incineration is one of the methods available for disposal of Hospital waste. Alternative System of disposal is adopted for hospital waste that cannot be incinerated such as shredding, auto-cleaning etc.

(b) Several Seminars have been held in Delhi to discuss various aspect of hospital waste management. Recently, a national Symposium on Medical Waste Management was held on the 27-28th September, 1996, at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

(c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests had notified draft Bio-Medical Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1995 on 24.4.1995 for eliciting opinion/ objections of the public and concerned agencies likely to be affected. These draft rules, inter-alia, provide that every hospital, nursing home, clinic having more than 30 beds or catering to more than thousand patients per months should install an incinerator in its premises and all bio-medical wastes which are not incinerable should be pre-treated, disinfected and disposed of in an environmentally sound manner. The Supreme Court in its order dated 7.5.1996 directed that incinerator or any other equally effective alternative should be installed in all hospitals/nursing homes with more than 50 beds in Delhi.

The Central Pollution Control Board has circulated guidelines for waste disposal and has laid down standards for incinerators.

National Council for Development of Urdu

*358. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the composition of the National Council for Development of Urdu;

(b) the achievement of the Council since its inceptions; and

(c) the programme of action and funds allocated for the year 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (c). The composition of the National Concil for Promotion of Urdu Language is as follow :-

Chairman : Minister for Human Resource Deveopment

Vice Chairman : Shri Raj Bahadur Gaur

Members :

1. Shri Rajeinder Malhotra
2. Dr. Narinder Luther
3. Prof. Jagan Nath Azad
4. Dr. (Ms) Laiq Salah
5. Ms. Jeelani Banu
6. Sh. L.K. Gulati
7. Prof. Malakzada Manzoor Ahmed
8. Dr. Gopi Chand Narang
9. Prof. Abdul Mughni
10. Prof. Nizamuddin S. Gorekar
11. Sh. Shahid Siddiqui
12. Sh. Abdul Faiz Sahar
13. Sh. Kashmiri Lal Zakir
14. Ms. Salma Siddique
15. Sh. A.S. Malihabadi
16. Sh. Mustaba Hussain
17. Prof. Mohd. Zaman Azurda
18. Syed Manzoor Ahmed
19. Shri Syed Azam Hussain